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Construction Delays Expected on State Route 44 Project in Lassen County

Redding – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) continues road construction on State Route 44 in Lassen County, from the Shasta/Lassen county line to just past the Bogard Rest Area.

The project known as the Poison Lake Rehabilitation project is in full construction and in order to complete the major items of work before winter, the intensity of work has increased. This increase in work will cause additional delays for the traveling public. Up to 30 minutes delays can be expected and will continue seven days per week through the end of October.

As of September 3, 2004, three of 15 miles of construction work are nearly complete. Operations include, widening of the roadway to include eight feet shoulders, pulverizing (grinding) of the existing asphalt concrete and converting it to a base rock material, building a new, yellow stripe profile and then paving with nearly six inches of new asphalt concrete. The completed project will provide longer life of the roadway with minimal maintenance efforts. Once the paving work is complete, shoulders will be graded, new striping and signing will be added, and erosion control will be placed.

To inform the public of the expected traffic delay, the State's Highway Advisory Radio's (HAR) in Redding and Susanville have been activated and Changeable Message Signs have been added. Motorists may access the HAR by tuning their car radio to AM 1610. To help minimize delay, the contractor's operations are monitored and altered if needed and additional pilot cars will be utilized where feasible.

The Resident Engineer for the project is Brent Clements and the work is being done by Hat Creek Construction. For additional information please call 530-225-3260.

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